

**TRAVIS COUNTY DECLARATION OF DISASTER  
IN RESPONSE TO DECLARATIONS OF DISASTER CAUSED BY SEVERE  
WEATHER**

**Recitals**

WHEREAS, as of February 12, 2021, Governor Greg Abbott a issued disaster proclamation certifying that severe winter weather poses an imminent threat of widespread and severe property damage, injury and loss of life due to prolonged freezing temperatures, heavy snow, and freezing statewide and declaring a state of disaster in all 254 Texas counties pursuant to §418.017 of the Texas Government Code; and,

WHEREAS, as set forth in the February 12, 2021 proclamation pursuant to Section 418.017 of the Texas Government Code, the Governor authorized the use of all available resources of state government and of the of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster; and

WHEREAS, as set forth in the February 12, 2021, disaster proclamation, pursuant to Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, any regulatory statute prescribing the procedure for conduct of state business or any order or rule of a state agency that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster shall be suspended upon written approval of the Office of the Governor. However, to the extent that the enforcement of any state statute or administrative rule regarding contracting or procurement would impede any state agency's emergency response that is necessary to protect life or property threatened by this declared disaster, the Governor ordered the suspension of such statutes and rules for the duration of the disaster; and

WHEREAS, persons within Travis County may be severely impacted by the severe winter weather with an imminent threat of injury, loss of life, and widespread and severe property damage; and

WHEREAS, severe weather conditions will make roads unsafe and may impede the ability to provide necessary and timely emergency response; and,

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the potential need and the urgency of the need for assistance constitute an imminent threat of expanding the disaster; and,

WHEREAS, the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 (Chapter 418 of the Government Code) authorizes the declaration of a state of disaster if a threat of disaster is imminent; and,

WHEREAS, §418.109 and §418.020 of the Government Code authorizes a local government to provide mutual aid assistance in accordance with its policies and procedures and may make arrangements necessary to acquire, prepare, or equip sites for temporary housing; and,

WHEREAS, as set forth in his February 12, 2021 Disaster Proclamation and pursuant to Section 418.017 of the Government Code, Governor Abbott authorized the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster; and

WHEREAS, Texas Government Code Chapter 418, Section 418.108 authorizes the County Judge of a county to declare a local state of disaster, and exercise the powers granted therein on an appropriate local scale; and

WHEREAS, by this declaration, I declare all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat suspended for the duration of the incident; and


WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted to the County Judge under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, I authorize the use of all available resources of state government and political subdivisions to assist in the County's response to this situation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF THE COUNTY OF TRAVIS:**

1. That a local state of disaster, based on the disaster proclamations issued by Governor Abbott on February 12, 2021 is declared for Travis County pursuant to chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code, and section 418.108(a) and (g).
2. Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Government Code, the state of local disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Travis County, Texas.
3. Pursuant to section 418.108(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.
4. Pursuant to §418.018(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of assistance activates the County's emergency management plan.
5. Pursuant to the authority granted under the laws of the State of Texas, the County may take actions necessary to protect the health of persons in the County.
6. Pursuant to this authority, residents are advised to remain indoors, to bring animals indoors, and to conserve energy usage. Residents are further advised not travel unless necessary because of unsafe road and travel conditions and to continue monitoring the weather.
7. This declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.



ORDERED this 14 day of February, 2021.

  
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Andy Brown, County Judge  
County of Travis, Texas

Filed with the Clerk of Travis County:

Dana DeBeauvoir  
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Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk

Date: 2/14/2021